

CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

- 5 1. A device comprising:
 a telephone port for coupling to a telephone network; and
 a processor coupled with the telephone port, wherein the processor is adapted
to
 establish a first modem connection with a first modem over a first telephone
10 line;
 establish a second modem connection with a second modem over a second
telephone line;
 exchange data over the first and second modem connections concurrently;
 place the first modem connection on hold from the exchanging of data to start
15 a first hold session;
 place the second modem connection on hold from the exchanging of data to
start a second hold session;
 prevent the first hold session from exceeding a first hold timeout time limit
without the first modem connection being discontinued; and
20 prevent the second hold session from exceeding a second hold timeout time
limit without the second modem connection being discontinued, wherein the second
hold timeout time limit is different from the first hold timeout time limit.